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SUBJECT: LARG NATIONALIZES 51 PERCENT OF OTHER PRODUCERS

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2) FBIS M011936, M012042, M012146

1. TEXT OF RCC DECREE NOW AVAILABLE IN FBIS TRANSLATION
WILL POUCH TEXT OF OFFICIAL NEWS AGENCY TRANSLATION ASAP.

2. IN ADDITION TO THOSE AMERICAN COMPANIES LISTED REFTTEL,
GRACE OIL COMPANY IS AFFECTED. COMPANIES NOT REPEAT NOT
AFFECTED ARE VERY MINOR -- AMOCO AND THE ACQUITAINE GROUP
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(ACQUITAINE, ELF, HISPANOIL AND MURPHY). APPEARS THAT ALL OTHER

OIL PRODUCTION OPERATIONS IN LIBYA ARE LARG OWNED AT LEAST 50 PERCENT (ENI) OR 51 PERCENT. ESSO'S LNG PLANT IS SPECIFICALLY EXCEPTED BY LATEST DECREE.

3. MANAGERS OF AMOSEAS, ESSO AND MOBIL MET WITH ME NIGHT OF SEPTEMBER ONE AND COMPARED NOTES ON THEIR SEPARATE INTERVIEWS RE NATIONALIZATION JUST GIVEN THEM BY PETROLEUM MINISTER MABRUK. NONE HAD RECEIVED TEXT OF DECREE, BUT MABRUK IN EACH CASE SAID: "READ THE DECREE AND LET US KNOW YOUR REACTIONS. YOU HAVE A MONTH TO DECIDE AND MEANWHILE YOU CAN LIFT 100 PERCENT OF THE OIL, THOUGH OF COURSE 51 PERCENT BELONGS TO THE LARG." THUS CRUX WOULD COME AT END OF SEPTEMBER AT LATEST. IF NO AGREEMENT REACHED, THE CONSEQUENCES WERE NOT SPELLED OUT--THOUGH EACH MANAGER RECEIVED IMPRESSION THAT MABRUK HOPED OPERATIONS COULD CONTINUE WITH EACH SIDE SELLING ITS SHARE. JOSIF

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